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Gorleston, near Yarmouth, after the gale, where great havoc was wrought by the abnormally high tide. The scene, when the tide rose to a remarkable height, as seen in this photograph, more resembled Venice, with the streets flooded and boats floating about in the roadway, than a modest east coast watering-place.—(Yallop.)

PORT ARTHUR'S NEW COMMANDER.



Vice-Admiral Shibayama, chief of the Kure naval station, who, it is stated, will be appointed to the command at Port Arthur.

"THE BRAVEST DEED OF THE YEAR."



Rev. W. Carlile presenting a clock at St. Mary-at-Hill Church on Sunday evening to Mr. A. U. Hardwick for his remarkable bravery in snatching Mrs. Mason from certain death at Finsbury Park Station, where she had fallen from the platform on to the railroad. The young hero jumped to Mrs. Mason's assistance and held her down by the side of the rails while a train passed.—(Copyright: Daily Mirror.)

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WHAT HAPPENED AT COCOS?

Earl Fitzwilliam's Party Had Rivals in Sensational Treasure Hunt.

RACE FOR MILLIONS.

Competing Syndicates, a Member of One Party Thinks, May Have Come Into Collision.

SOUTH SEA ADVENTURE.

The mystery of what happened to Earl Fitzwilliam and his expedition that went treasurehunting in the Cocos Island is as great as

Yesterday two new suggestions concerning the strange "accident" that befel the treasure seekers came to light.

The first was a cable from Captain Morrison, of the Veronique, saying, "Hester, waiter, badly injured landslide Cocos. Gone hospital. Others all well.

This cable seems to entirely dispose of the statement that Earl Fitzwilliam was prospecting for coal in the Pacific, and to leave no room for doubt that he, with Admiral Palliser, the redoubtable treasure-hunter, was seeking the gold and jewels to the value of some millions of pounds that were buried in the early part of the last century.

A STARTLING SUGGESTION.

the Daily Mirror. It transpires that another expedition, under Mr. Harold Gray, a wealthy Englishman, is now at work in Cocos with a strong clue to the buried millions.

A member of the syndicate yesterday told the Daily Mirror that their efforts were recognised by the Costa Rican Government, and that they had the assistance of a Mr. Giesler, who had been fourteen years on the island.
"Mr. Giesler," he said, "is not a man to stick

at trifles, and he would not regard anyone who tried to interfere with his search with particularly kindly feelings. In Cocos there is no particular law that needs respecting, and I only hope that the explanation of Earl Fitzwilliam's accident will not prove to be that there has been a battle between the rival expeditions.

How our syndicate came into the million search is a romance of the most thrilling character.

"A station-master in Buenos Ayres wrote to the A station-master in buenos Ayres whole to the editor of a London paper, asking for the name of the writer of an article on the Cocos Island treasure; and, being put into communication with him, told such a remarkable story that the writer in question went out to Buenos Ayres to interview the man.

SECRET WORTH MILLIONS.

"As a result our yacht, the Rosemarine, set out for Panama, en route for the island. She stopped at Valparaiso on her way, and picked up some members of the syndicate, who had preceded her, as well as the station-master with new clues. "At Panama she was joined by her owner, the head of the syndicate, Mr. Harold Gray, and the whole of the party proceeded to Cocoa. "To our extreme disappointment our search was a failure, but on the island we came across Giesler, who is the accredited representative of the Cost Rican Government, and who was able to give us some astounding information. "Mr. Harold Gray, undeterred by the failure of his previous clues, went inhand, fighting his way through the dense tropical undergrowth. What he saw I may not tell you. The secret is ours and may mean millions to us. But I will say this—that Mr. Gray was so satisfied with his discoveries that he decided to set to work at once. "Thirty peons were obtained from Panama to do the hard labour of digging, and it may only be a week, or it may take six months, before we bring light the hidden hoard of gold and jewels secreted in the bowels of the earth by the pirates of last century."

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NORTH SEA OUTRAGE.

Meeting of the Commission of Inquiry at Paris.

ADMISSION OF PRESS.

PARIS, Monday.-The North Sea Inquiry Commission met at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs this morning.

The question of the admission of Press representatives was taken into consideration. At first the opinion was expressed that the Press should be excluded, but on some of the commissioners urging a contrary view a decision in favour of admission

Owing, however, to the small size of the premises assigned to the Commission, only three correspondents for each Power represented upon it will be

The first three or four days will be devoted solely to the settlement of the order of procedure, the discussion of various details connected with it, and the question of the advisability of the presence of

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Praise for the Wisdom and Moderation of the Tsar and King.

According to the official account of the proceedings of the Commission, the president, Vice-Admiral Fournier, addressed his colleagues in the fol-

Messieurs,-Standing before my distinguished colleagues, I feel deeply the weight of the moral responsibility which our task imposes upon us, but we shall be able to fulfil our duty, however delicate it may be, by unceasingly keeping before us cate it may be, by unceasingly keeping before usthe great example of wisdom and moderation which their Majestles the King of England and the Emperor of Russia have set the world by the institution of this Commission of Inquiry, the happy effect of which has already been to appease the national susceptibilities brought into conflict, and thus permit a conscientions and deliberate examination of their causes.

"It is with these sentiments, which accord with the friendly and conciliatory intentions of the eminent President and of the Government of the French Republic, that I ask you, gentlemen, to enter upon your labours, so that they may lead to the equitable solution which is expected of your character, your experience, and your impartiality."

PORT ARTHUR PRISONERS.

Japanese Admire Self-sacrifice of the Russian Generals and Officers.

TOKIO, Monday.—The Japanese express admiration for General Fock and other Russian officers who refuse parole, preferring to stand by their

The first detachment of prisoners, 10,000 men, is expected to arrive at Moji and Shimonoseki shortly. After disinfecting, some will be sent to Kuré, while the others will be distributed in other places, but probably not Tokio. The best possible treatment will be accorded the Russian generals.

The "Gazette" announces that the Russians have delivered up five survivors of Togo's third expedition to block the entrance to Port Arthur.-Reuter.

INTERNAL RUSSIA.

Resignation of Prince Mirski Said to Date from January 13.

Disaffection continues to spread in Russia, and rioting of a very serious kind is taking place

The Exchange Telegraph Company reports that in the recent riots at Baku among the workmen engaged in the oil industry six men were killed and thirty-six wounded. A hundred bore pits are

The "Nova Reforma" (Cracow) publishes a sig nificant report from Lodz detailing the situation of affairs there. Extraordinary rumours, it says, are current in Bourse circles regarding riots at St. Petersburg, in which hundreds of people have been killed on the streets.

Meantime the reported retirement of Prince Mirski is confirmed by the St. Petersburg correspondent of the "Echo de Paris," who fixes the date of his resignation as January 13.

The Minister declared to a friend that his reform scheme not having been approved he could not remain in power.

M. Witte, adds the correspondent, is the man of the day. His friends express the opinion that if M. Witte takes office peace will be concluded with Japan within a few months. nificant report from Lodz detailing the situation of

ROMANCE OF A

Mr. Gardner's Golden Theatrical Tour in Australia.

ACTRESS AND AGENT.

First Chapters in the History of Carrie Swain's Remarkable Matrimonial Suit.

All Paris is talking to-day of the extraordinary story which is being told in the Law Courts in the case brought by Mrs. Carrie Swain against Mr. Frank L. Gardner, of the firm of Gardner and Serpollet, motor manufacturers.

Mrs. Swain contends that she was married to Mr. Gardner in San Francisco in 1886, and declares that the lady whom he recently married in London is not his wife. She demands compensation to the extent of £40,000.

This previous marriage is denied by Mr. Gardner, who asserts that Mrs. Swain is the divorced

wife of a Mr. Samuel Swain.

The romantic story of Mr. Gardner's earlier days is told by one who has been in intimate relation ship with him.

About sixteen years ago the advance agent of a star burlesque actress arrived in Australia from the United States. The agent was Mr. Frank L. Gardner, and the actress whom he represented was Carrie Swain. She was a burlesque actress upon the lines of the late Miss Nellie Farren, and the piece with which she toured the Australian States was called "The Tomboy."

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Among a variety of performances was one in which Carrie Swain had to take a high dive into a tank, which purported to be the sea.

The piece was an immense success, and everybody was anxious to shower favours upon the popular actress. Among the places visited was Broken Hill, a silver-mining centre, and there Frank Gardner and Miss Carrie Swain made the acquaintance of an American mine manager. Acting on his advice, Mr. Gardner purchased for himself and Miss Swain a large number of shares at a very small cost. Within a short time prices went up to such a degree that a profit was made of between \$220,000 and \$30,000 on the deal.

Then Mr. Gardner himself came to England and soon became a power in financial circles. He joined the Barnato group and went into the Kaffirmarket. A little later, in conjunction with Mr. Zeb Lane, came the promotion of the Perseverance Company. The mine was extremely wealthy, and it was thought that Mr. Gardner made no less than \$500,000 as his share of the profits.

There followed a period of extraordinary success, and a little over two years ago Mr. Gardner was estimated to be worth \$21,000,000. He lived principally in Paris, coming to London two or three times a week, and stories were told in both capitals of the magnificence of his style of living.

A short time ago it was a common occurrence for Mr. Gardner to engage special trains and steamers when he wanted to cross from one country to another in a hurry.

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STUDENTS BESIEGED.

Polytechnic Pupils Drive St. Petersburg Police from Their Classrooms.

Some days ago twenty-five gendarmes attempted to search the St. Petersburg Polytechnic School.

When they entered the building the electric lights were suddenly turned off, and the students, who number 1,500, fell upon them

students, who number 1,500, fell upon them and drove them out.

The building was then put into a state of siege. All entrances were barricaded, the fre hose held ready, and the students armed themselves with sticks, gymnastic weights, feet of tables, etc. Many had in their hands bottles of sulphuric acid. High-pressure pumps were placed to meet the invaders. The students even began to prepare dynamite bombs.

This state of things lasted some hours, when the director was informed that the police had returned to the city. Some hours later Prince Gagarin received from the Minister of Finance (by whom the school is con-

there of Finance (by whom the school is controlled) a formal promise not to allow the police to interfere with the school. The students were fully satisfied, and the work

IN STORM'S WAKE.

MILLIONAIRE. Gales Still Causing Havoc on Land and Disaster at Sea.

CATTLE IN CHANNEL.

Although the extreme force of the gale seems to have abated, rough weather prevailed on many parts of the coast all day yesterday.

In the Channel the gale, accompanied by heavy rain, continued with little diminished vigour, and liners calling at Dover reported very heavy seas.

In the Straits of Dover are floating close to the coast an immense quantity of dead cattle, which were evidently thrown overboard during the storm to lighten cattle steamers.

Later reports from Scarborough show that the damage done by the gale is even more serious than was first supposed. For a distance of twenty-three yards the parapet of the Spa was torn out

REV. STEPHEN GLADSTONE.



Who, it is said, is about to become a convert to the Roman Catholic faith. The reverend gentleman is a son of the late Mr. E. Gladstone.—(Elliott & Fry.)

level with the promenade, and the wooden stagings leading from the cliff tramways to the sands were completely wrecked.

It is more than doubtful that the North Pier, which was completely swept away, will ever be rebuilt, and yesterday its wreckage was advertised for sale as scrap-iron.

DINNINGTON SAFE.

There were great rejoicings at Shields when the news came that the ss. Dinnington—which it was feared had sunk in the collision with the Belfast schooner Dispatch—had arrived safely with her crew in the Thames.

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There is much distress at Lowestoft, where streets are flooded with sea water, and in some of the poorer districts people have had to be rescued from upper windows by seamen in boats.

Some damage has also, been done to the machinery at the new Lowestoft dock works, where the tidal-wave has filled trenches which it had taken weeks to excavate.

The Ostend mail-boat, arriving an hour late at Dover, reported having seen a disabled steamer off the Goodwins. Within five minutes of the steamer's arrival a tug was on its way to the disabled vessel.

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SNOWFALLS IN THE NORTH.

Round Perthshire and Loch Lomond the country wears an Alpine aspect, the mountains being covered with the heavy fall of snow which accompanied the gale.

In Berwickshire, where there is 2½in. of snow, there was a violent thunderstorm yesterday.

FROM DARKNESS

George Vasey Tells the "Daily Mirror" the Story of a Miracle.

"MY LIGHT WENT OUT."

"I Saw My Hand Again for the First Time in Nine Years."

George Vasey, the old man of sixty-one, whose sight was miraculously restored after nine years' total blindness, is the centre of interest in the old colliery town of Shildon, Durham.

Vasey was born in the town, and has lived there all his life. It is good to see the tender solicitude with which the grimy colliers press round him as he takes his daily walk through the streets.

Kindly greetings overwhelm him. "What fettle noo?" and "Canst tha really see, laad?" they keep asking, still half-incredulous of the miracle

Yet it is true as God's day, as Vasey joyfully remarked when telling the Daily Mirror the story of his loss of sight and marvellous subsequent

Blinded by an Accident.

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"Thirty-two years ago," he said, "I was working as a platelayer on the North-Eastern Railway. One morning a mate standing near me was warming his hands by swinging his arms across his chest.

"One of his hands struck me a violent blow on the right eye, destroying he sight of i for ever.

"I suffered terribly from the blow, and was unable to work for mouths. When I recovered, with one eye still good, I went to work as a fireman in Sheldon Lodge Colliery.

"I was there for twelve years, and then my left eye began to fail me, out of sympathy with the other. I had to leave my job, and soon after my light went out for ever, as I thought.

"There I was, a burden to those around me, a helpless man, who had to be looked after like a child.

flepies.

"Do not let us talk of the years of blackness that followed." They were long and dark and

that followed: They were long and dark and dreary.

**Last August I began to fancy that I could tell the difference between daylight and dark. It seemed too good to believe, and, for fear I should be deceiving myself, I spoke to mobody about it.

**Then one day I was out gathering groundsel for my canary—I had learned to distinguish the plant with my stick by its long, seedy stakk. As I bent down to pluck a handful, to my joy and surprise I could see my hand for the first time for nine years.

**I stood up, and held my hand before my face. I could see nothing. I bent down again, and once more I saw my hand. It looked quite blue, but the outline was distinct.

A Wife's Joy.

"From then onwards my sight improved steadily. I found I could see when I held my head on one side, but everything was dark when I held it

straight
"Still, I said nothing." One day I picked up a label in the yard, and was reading it when my wife caught sight of me through the window. She came flying out to see what was the matter.
"Judge of her joy when I told her that I could see. She could scarcely believe her senses.
"I can now see well, and my sight is still improving. I intend to go to work again when warmer weather comes."
Local doctors are unable to explain why. Vesey.

Local doctors are unable to explain why Vasey got his sight back after so long an interval of blindness. The simple fact remains that he was blind and can now see.

LOST-A BOOM.

Adventures of a Boom-Hunter, Who Had Very Little Luck.

(From Our Special Correspondent in Search of the Business Boom.)

MONDAY, MIDNIGHT.-The free trade newspapers, noting the fact that the Board of Trade returns for 1904 show increased figures, are jubilant over what they think they identify as a big

business boom.

I was sent by the Daily Mirror to find it.
So fat I have not succeeded.

In the West End retail tradesmen said: "No boom has passed this way as fat as we've seen."
"Business is flat—no buoyancy to it," said the manager of Whiteley's. "There is a much better feeling in the business world, but no boom."
Other business men said that the Russo-Japanese war had caused a demand for woollen and cotton goods.

goods.
But no one had seen a boom.

The first of a daily series of matinées at the Alhambra, under the title of "Urbanora," was

"I WILL TAKE £50."

INTO LIGHT. What a Police Witness Overheard in the Belfast Abduction Case.

> A thrill passed through the Belfast Assize Court yesterday while Detective-constable Mitchell was giving his evidence in the case in which Robert Wilson, an ex-alderman of the corporation, again appeared on a charge of tampering with a witness

appeared on a charge of tampering with a witness during the recent prosecution of the young man Moreland, who was sentenced to two years' hard labour for abducting a girl named Ray Wise. Detective-constable Mitchell said he called upon Mrs. Kempner, the mother of the girl Wise, on December 8, and while waiting in a room he heard Wilson mentioning various sums of money to Mrs. Kempner. Then he heard Mrs. Kempner say: "I will take £59," As Wilson left the house he said he would return later, but, though the police officer waited a long time, the ex-alternan did not come back. On prisoner's counsel stating that his client was unable to find hail in £400, the magistrate made a reduction to £100 and two sureties in £50. Prisoner was committed for trial to the Recorder's Court.

CAPTAIN PERCY SCOTT,



Who, it is said, will be placed at the head of the proposed new Gunnery Department to be created at the Admiralty.—(Russell & Sons.)

BUSINESS MEN MISSING.

from Spitalfields Market.

Where are Mr. Joseph Alexander Robinson, of Teddington, and Mr. Alfred Leeds, of 67, Daleriew-road, Stamford Hill?

Mr. Robinson has been missing for sixteen days, and his family are offering a reward of £25 for information which will lead to his being found Nothing has been seen or heard of him since the forenoon of Christmas Eve.

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Equally mysterious is the disappearance of Mr. Alfred Leeds, though he has only been four days missing. He occupied the position of manager of the well-known firm of Messrs F. Street and Son, potato merchants, Spitalfields Market, and left his place of business last Thursday evening, between five and six o'clock.

The police describe him as thirty years of age, height 5ft, 5½m., and having brown hair and eyes, with slight moustache.

Mr. Street, jun., states that Mr. Leeds was most regular in his habits, and his accounts have been found to be completely in order. He was engaged to be married to a young lady who lives at Clapton.

CHATSWORTH PARTY ENDS.

The Chatsworth festivities concluded yesterday, The Chatsworth resurvoes concauce yearchay, when the King returned to London. The Queen went to Sandringham.

Being still confined to bed with a chill, the Duke of Devonshire was unable to see his royal guests

AGED EARL'S SUDDEN DEATH.

Painfully sudden was the death of the aged Earl de Montalt, who passed away yesterday at the London and North-Western Hotel, Holyhead, in his 88th year. He was taken ill while travelling to Ireland with his devoted daughter, Lady Florence Maude.

A grand juror at the Old Bailey yesterday was sworn on his own Bible, which he had brought

GHOST OF THE "ARTFUL DODGER."

Famous Footballer Revisits the Scene of Earthly Triumphs.

WEIRD MIDNIGHT SCENE.

John Jennings, groundsman at the celebrated Park-avenue football enclosure, Bradford, and wellknown throughout Northern Union circles, on Friday night was the hero of a midnight ghosthunt, on a lonely football field, cut off from all-

Just before midnight, whether by instinct or some occult warning, Mr. Jennings awoke, and looking from his bedroom window saw, to his amazement, a distinct light burning in the cricket pavilion, though he knew positively that he had turned every light out himself.

The groundsman at Park-avenue is no coward, and as he looked upon the light his first thought was that it was carried by some nocturnal depredator, who was making a haul of the club's pro-

With these thoughts in his mind he at once dressed, and, going down, he approached the light which was still burning.

Here he distinctly saw the full form of a man, who, according to the story, had donned a red, amber, and black jersey—the well-known colours of the Bradford Club.

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Somewhat awed by this weird speciale; and yet thinking that it was perhaps a ruse on the part of some audacious robber, Jennings at once sought the aid of a policeman, and fully determined to effect a capture the couple steathfully returned.

To the amazement of Jennings the light, however, had now been extinguished, the door was locked, and the spectre had vanished. It was alleged on Saturday by the more superstitious of the Bradford Club's followers that the spirit of Joe Hawridge, "the artful dodger," had appeared for "a last look round." of his old haunts, where he covered himself and his club with glory.

A football correspondent writes:—
J. J. Hawcridge, the old Bradford three-quarter back, died recently of typhoid fever in San Francisco.

Francisco.

Old adherents of the Rugby code will remember the slight form of the northern player, his wonderful feits and dodging runs, that made his name a honschold one in the county of the broad acres. Hawcridge was a brother of Mrs. Bradshaw, the wife of the manager of the Fulham team.

ASYLUM ON FIRE.

Another Strange Disappearance-This Time Attendants' Heroic Efforts Save a Building Containing 500 Lunatics.

> An alarming fire broke out yesterday morning at the Bucks County Asylum, Stone, a building in which 500 lunatics are under treatment

which 500 lunatics are under treatment. The nurse who first noticed the fire in a four-storey erection used as nurses' quarters at once raised the alarm, and a boy was dispatched on a bicycle to Aylesbury for the brigade. Near the fire was a ward in which fifteen or twenty patients were housed. Luckily these lunatics were not violent patients, and were easily rescued. Other inmates watched the fire from their windows, and showed not the least sign of panic. The staff worked heroically and stopped the fire from spreading, and the brigade on their arrival quickly got the flames under.

The damage is estimated at £1,500.

CRUISER'S WORLD RECORD.

Belleville-Boilered Drake Shows Remarkable Racing Speed.

The cruiser Drake, which has arrived at Ports. mouth, made a world's record for speed on the woyage from Gibraltar. For eight consecutive hours the Drake maintained a speed of 24.16 knots

per hour.

This is more than a knot above her contract speed, and is a better performance than that of the cruiser Berwick, which previously held the record. The Drake is a Belleville-boilered ship, and is to recommission at Portsmouth on the 31st inst. as flagship of Rear-Admiral Prince Louis of Battenberg, commander-in-chief of the first cruiser squadron.

LAST OF A SWEET SINGER.

The remains of the late Madame Belle Cole were laid to rest yesterday at Puney Vale Cemetery. Among the chief mourners were Mr. and Mrs. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Sharpe, Mme. Palcologue, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Scott, Mr. Hendry, Mr. Coleman,

WIFE'S DESPERATION.

Claimed by Two Husbands She Seeks Refuge in Death.

Tennyson's well-known poem, "Enoch Arden," is strikingly recalled by a matrimonial drama at

Birmingham, which has had a tragic ending.

Mrs. Annie Guest, the wife of Mr. Thomas Guest, a well-known architect in Birmingham, took a fatal dose of poison on Sunday in distressful cir-cumstances. Her first husband, who many years ago disappeared in Australia, and whom she long thought to be dead, suddenly appeared in Birmingham to claim her.

ham to claim her.

Three years ago she had married Mr. Guest, after every effort to trace her missing husband failed, and Mr. Guest was not willing to surrender her to Mr. Wilson, who now sought the wife he had not seen for nearly twenty years.

Overwhelmed by the painful position in which she found herself, the unhappy woman has now found refuse in death.

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SUCCESSFUL SOUSA.

Plays "The King's Court" and Carmelite Music at Queen's Hall,

Sousa-"the same Sousa," as the announcements put it-is back again, and Londoners welcomed the famous band once more at Queen's Hall last

night.

Last night's programme contained a new suite,
"The King's Court"—a rather un-Republican
title. In each movement is depicted one of the
"upper ten" Sousa has net on this "side." The
movements are entitled "Her Ladyship the Countess," "Her Grace the Duchess," and "Her
Majesty the Queen." Most of the audience last
night could be seen thinking hard about the first
two. Then there was the new march, "The Diplomat," which is a chraterteristic Sousa composition,
full of energy.
One of the most successful numbers on the programme was the beautiful composition, "The
Lord is my Slephend," the music of which was
written by Mr. A. H. Behrend, the words being
by Mr. Harold Regbic. This piece, though published only a very short time ago in the Carmelite
series of music, has already and an enormous sale,
and is being played everywhere.

MILE END NOMINATIONS.

Socialists Will Record Their Votes for Mr. Harry Lawson.

The Liberal and Conservative candidates for the Parliamentary vacancy were duly nominated yes-

terday.

Mr. Harry Lawson was the first candidate to arrive at the public library, Bancroft-road. Mr. Straus followed shortly afterwards.

There were eleven nomination papers altogether. Six were handed in on behalf of Mr. Lawson, who was proposed by Mr. Speneer Charington, the eldest son of the late member, and seconded by Dr. Cursham Corner, JA.

Two papers on Mr. Lawson's behalf were handed in by the Liberal Unionists, and one by the Jews. On behalf of Mr. Straus five papers were submitted. He was proposed by Mr. Frederick Nicholas Charrington, and seconded by Mr. Henry Draper.

One of Mr. Straus's papers was signed entirely by Jews, and another mainly by Nonconformists.

Many Socialists who feel strongly on the question of alien immigration have declared their intention of voting for Mr. Lawson.

"GOBDEN, VONDROUS MAN."

Political Song by the Tariff Reform Poet Laureate.

Mr. Andrew W. Arnold, the poet and music laureate of tariff reform, has composed the music and words of a song called "Herr Schmidt's

Political workers can procure the song for 1s. from Messrs. Weekes and Co. Here is one of the

Ach Gobden vos a vondrous man, And so vos his vriend Bwright, And if you Ewrittons vollow dem, Den you vill be alwright; But Chamberlains a vicked man And vot he says is awful, E'd tax our tings, as we tax yours And dat vould be der Teutel.

OUESTIONS FOR MR. CHAMBERLAIN.

Employers and employed in the Preston cotton trade have forwarded to Mr. Chamberlain a number of questions for him to answer at his meeting at Preston to-morrow.

Preston to morrow.

They want to know how his fiscal scheme will benefit export trade to neutral ports; whether leather, bleach, dye, and other things will be taxed; and whether, after the imposition of duties

"KEIRO" AGAIN.

Reappearance of the Well-Known "Wizard" in Regent-street Rooms.

CLAIRVOYANTS BUSY.

Palmists, Psychometrists, and Necromancers Reaping a Harvest.

KETRO.

124. REGENT-STREET

The legend was printed in bold letters and mounted on large boards. Throughout yesterday afternoon half a score of depressed sandwichmen trudged drearily through the rain in order to dis-

It will be remembered that on October 6 last Keiro was convicted of fortune-telling and of obtaining money by false pretences. The Judge, remark-ing upon "the very merciful sentence" he passed of binding over Keiro, Mme. Keiro, and "Yoga to come up for judgment if called upon, said : "For the future let us hope that we shall not see the traffic impeded by long lines of sandwichmen announcing palmists and crystal-gazing, and

There can be no doubt that the Wizard of the West has returned to his happy hunting-grounds again. At No. 124, the outer door bore two simple words in chaste letters of gold:

" Keiro, Palmist."

Keiro's business is now conducted somewhat differently.

No amount of money will induce him to investi-gate the lines upon the hand, or "Madame" to take the hastiest glance into the dim obscurity of the future. The law has decreed that it is illegal.

How the Law is Evaded.

But he will sell you an excellent book on palmistry and kindred sciences for £1 1s. In this book you will find a coupon entitling you to a free reading of the lines of your life by Keiro or

Madame."

"Light," the interesting organ of the Spiritualists' Alliance, Limited, there are two columns of advertising matter devoted to clairwoyance and palmistry. We quote a few of these ingenious propungations.

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At 20, South Molton-street, is Mme. Delva; hours II to 6. She is a "palmiste, clairvoyante, and crystal gazer." Another is headed "Cheirosophy," and concerns a lady called "Ellia Celeste," a scientific palmiste, "in her studies of the hand. Events of life dated exact year. Fifteen years' experience. Physiognomy, character, talent, from photographis. Appointments must be made by letter.—67, Berners-street, Oxford-street."

What Is Psychometry?

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Again:—"Clairibelle, Trance Clairvoyante,
Psychometrist flest medium):—At home daily from
12 (ill 6, or by appointment. Seance on Mondays
17.39 for 8, and on Friday afternoon at 8 prompt.
Fee 2x.—54, Upper Baker-street, W. side entrance, opposite Baker-street Station."

Another lady who describes berself as a psychometrist is to be found "by appointment" from eleven to four at 24, South Molton-street, while
Mrs. Lydia H. Marts, of Philadelphia, "is in London for another season—trance, clairvoyance, and tests." Her address is Marylebone-road, At 3, Grafion-street there is a lady trance medium and magnetic healer.

Coing farther afield into discreet Bayswater there are many quiet houses wherein the secrets of the future are disclosed for sums ranking from the modest 2s. 6d. to 10s. 6d.

Taking one at random from a number of similar advertissements, we find Madame Zaidia, "Indian mirror and crystal reader; clairvoyant palmist; at home daily II to 7; Wednesday II to 9; fees 2s. 6d., 5s., and 10s. 6d.—21, Richmond-road, Bayswater, W."

Fels-Naptha

There are two ways to wash:

- (1) go by the book:
- (2) boil the clothes.

If the first, Fels-Naptha has _ saved you ten times its cost.

If the second, you are a stranger to it.

Fols-Naptha 39 Wilson street London E C

CLANDESTINE MARRIAGE.

Unhappy Ending to a Boy-and-Girl Love Romance.

The hero and heroine of a romantic love story found themselves yesterday at the parting of their ways-their romance shattered

It was in 1893 that Frank Harry Stanley, a boy of nineteen, arranged to marry secretly at St. Botolph's, London, the girl of seventeen to whom he was engaged. At the church door the newlywedded couple parted, Mrs. Stanley returning to her parents' home.

Her father and mother had been opposed to the union, and for two and a half years they were kept in ignorance of the marriage. The girl's husband visited the house, but it was in the rôle of the lover to whom the daughter was only en-

At last, on November 30, 1895, Mrs. Stanley left home and went with her husband to Brighton. Then she wrote and disclosed her secret to her parents. She told them that she and her husband

MISS EDITH RHODES,



Sister of the late Mr. Cecil Rhodes, who has died suddenly at her resi-dence at St. Leonards, after a few days' illness.—(Elliott and Fry.)

were going to take rooms at which they could live within their means and avoid running into debt.

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The Bench granted a separation order and allowed 5s. A week maintenance.

AT A MARCHIONESS'S WINDOW

Candid Admissions of Youths Whose Plans Were Interrupted.

West Lodge, Winchmore Hill, one of the seats of the Marchioness of Ely, was the scene of an attempted robbery on Saturday morning, and at Enfield yesterday two young men, named Frederick Easton and Charles Yale were committed for trial on a charge of breaking and entering her ladyship's

residence.

They were arrested by two policemen who had been watching the house, and had seen the two prisoners climb through one of the windows.

It stole nothing

or a multiple section of the windows.

"I am guilty of entering, but I stole nothing because I was pounced on too soon," Yale told the magistrates, and Easton said with equal candour, "I'm guilty of being caught."

CULPRIT'S FORESIGHT.

Caught in the act of robbing a bedroom at a Westminster public-house, Thomas Bailey, who is known as "Tommy on the Tub," declared that he was looking for his little lost dog. Many previous convictions were proved against him at the police court yesterday, and Mr. Horace Smith sent him to hard labour for twelve months.

At the police station he had used a pair of stolen gloves to apply grease to his boots, coolly explaining to a detective that otherwise they would get hard and dry before he could use them again.

The body of John Ward, a Preston cowkeeper, who had been missing for five weeks, has been recovered from the canal at Cottam.

HARTOPP CASE.

Famous Matrimonial Suit Again in the Courts.

NO COUNTER-PETITION.

18. H. D. Hartopp-Hartopp and Cowley.

The above line appears at the end of the special jury list "to be heard and tried at Hilary Sittings. 1905.

This list was published vesterday, and it puts the seal of official confirmation on a rumour that has for some time been discussed at "smart set" afternoon tea-tables. The gossips whispered to one another that Sir Charles Hartopp-some of them who knew him personally referred to him familiarly as "Topps"—was about to make another attempt to obtain his matrimonial freedom from Lady Hartopp. The gossips have proved right.

The letters "H. D." in the official announcement of the great coming social event stand for "Husband's Divorce." It is a fact, sad but true, that these letters stand in front of a good deal more than half the divorces with which Sir Francis Jeune and Mr. Justice Barnes have to deal.

It will be long before the Divorce Court forgets the first occasion when Sir Charles Hartopp and Lady Hartopp, formerly Miss Millicent Florence Lady Hartopp, formerly Miss Millicent Florence Eleanor Wilson, and daughter of Mr. C. Wilson, M.P., of Warter Priory, brought their matrimonial disputes under its adjudication. Drawing rooms of Belgravia and Mayfair and hunting grounds of the shirps were deserted by their smartest habitudes in order that Divorce Court L might be filled with a throng of curious and sensation-seeking fashion.

The Beautiful Respondent.

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Lady Hartopp, the heroine of the case, had been for some time established as one of society's reigning beauties, and her pathetic position, sitting as respondent by the sig of her father behind the Divorce Court solicitors' table, did not detract from the piquancy of her charns.

Some little distance from her, then, as now, the co-respondent, sat Henry Arthur Normington Wellesley, Earl Cowley—a fresh-complexioned young gentleman who wore "sporting "waistcoats.

At the other end of the table sat Sir Charles Hartopp, and at the later stages of the trial Mrs. Sands, who came to be known in court as the "beautiful intervence."

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Full of incidents, the trial produced, as its "pièce de résistance," the scene between Lady Hartopp's father, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Lawson Walton, M.P., K.C., Sir Charles's leading counsel. The former assailed the latter with bitter reproaches after Lady Hartopp had been cross-examined, and it requized all Mr. Justice Barnes's tact to restore judicial calm to the Court.

No-definite decision was come to. Sir Charles's petition was dismissed, and so was the counterpetition of his wife, in which Mrs. Sands "intervened."

As before Messrs. Lewis and Lewis and Messrs.
Wontner are the solicitors.

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Among lesser sensations of the term are cases in which the names of Crosland (libel) and McCarthy (slander) figure as plaintiffs, and that of Lebaudy (work) as defendant.

KELLY AND HIS "CHIT."

Wanted To Go to Gaol, but Left for Salisbury Plain.

Leaning against a plate-glass window in Highstreet, Windsor, near midnight, an Irishman named Kelly attracted a policeman's attention by shouting that he wanted a bed if it was only in a police station. A constable told him they did not find beds for people at the station. Kelly then said he would put his foot through a jeweller's window if he did not take him to the station, and so the constable obliged him.

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Before the magistrates yesterday Kelly made a long tirade against casual wards. He said he had been an immate of Maidenhead casual wards, but they gave him more ventilation than food, and made him pick oakum to wash it down with. He got out of Maidenhead casual wards as soon as he could, and on the road met a gentleman who wrote him out a "chit," or recommendation.

On promising to leave town immediately, the magistrates discharged Kelly, who said he was making for Salisbury Plain with his "chit."

ALIEN SHUNS TRIAL.

When Lena Butcher, a German, was arrested in London recently for improperly conducting a West End house she expressed her intention of selling up and leaving "dirty England." She did not appear at the Old Bailey yesterday when her case came on for trial, and it was decided that her bail should be estreated if she did not surrender before the close of this excitors.

the close of the sessions.

"I don't think we need make a violent effort to bring her back," the Recorder remarked.

SLIDE DOWN A ROOF.

Policeman and Burglar Narrowly Escape Sudden Death.

A sensational burglar hunt, in which a policeman and his captive narrowly escaped terrible deaths, was described at Marylebone Court yes-

A sturdily-built youth of nineteen, named Joseph Morgan, described as a shoemaker, living in Blackfriars-road, was charged with committing a burglary at the Carlton-road Council School, Kentisk Town. He was found crouching behind a table is one of the class-rooms by an elderly caretaker named George Ward, soon after four o'clock yesterday morning.

There was a desperate struggle between the two Morgan attacking the caretaker with a poker. Ward managed to wrest the weapon away from the

managed to wrest the weapon away from the burglar, who then dashed outside into the darkness and disappeared.

Search was made by Constable Newman and another officer. The two policemen made their way on to the roof and found Morgan there.

The burglar sprang back on to the coping and ran into Newman's comrade, nearly knocking him through a window. Newman seized Morgan by the leg, with the result that both of them fell in a heap and rolled down the roof into the gutter. There, by great good fortune, they stayed—another inch and they would have been dashed to the ground, seventy feet below. With great difficulty Morgan was eventually got down from the roof.

The magistrate remanded the prisoner.

WELL-BEHAVED LONDON.

Exceptionally Light Calendar at the Central Criminal Court Sessions.

In the Old Bailey calendar for the January Sessions, which opened yesterday, there appear the names of only sixty-three prisoners.

"When it is considered," remarked Sir Forrest Fulton, the Recorder, "that this Court has jurisdic-

Fulton, the Recorder, "that this Court has jurisdiction over a district containing something like sis millions of people, and also deals with offenders on the high seas—this is a cause for congratufation." There are few offences of a very grave nature in the list, and only one charge of murder was included—that against Rebecca Margaret Grapham Stewart, a barrister. The grand jury, however, ignored the murder bill, and returned a true bill on a charge of manslaughter.

DISGUISED FOOTBALLER.

Unhappy Matrimonial Experiences of an International Goalkeeper.

Some strange disclosures were made at Preston Police Court yesterday during the hearing of a summons against James Trainer, the former Welsh international goalkeeper, for the alleged desertion

of his wife.

Mrs. Trainer stated that a week ago her husband brought a policeman to the house and compelled her to leave.

She admitted that he had instituted divorce pro

She admitted that he had instituted divorce pro-ceedings in 1898, but did not proceed with the suit when she promised to turn over a new leaf. It transpired during her cross-examination that her husband had frequently complained of her friendship with a man named Lazenby, and had disguised himself in order to follow her about. When she discovered this she threatened to kill him. She was, however, she said, under the influ-ence of drink at the time. The Bench dismissed the summons.

PRESERVING HAPPINESS.

A woman, charged at Marylebone yesterday with drunkenness, was said to have been dancing—to the best of her ability—to the music of an organ

in the street.

Mr. Plowden: Not like Miriam. (To the prisoner). Well, you were so happy when drunk that I don't like to make you miserable when sober. Go away.

-Keep the Blood Pure-And the Health of the System will follow.

should be kept pure. If you saffer from any Skin or Blood Disease, such as ECZEMA, SCURYY, BAD LEGS, BLOOD POISON, RHEUMATISM, GOUT, BOILS, PIMPLES, 6CO. YOU should test the value

Of all Chemists. Bewa s of Imitations.

"BACHELOR X'S" WOULD-BE WIVES.

Spinsters and Widows Anxious To Bring Solace to a Lonely Man.

CLERGYMAN'S APPEAL.

It is to be hoped that "Mr. X," the well-to-do chemist commercial, has a fair share of leisure. The perusal of his correspondence will keep him occupied. Every post brings dozens of letters from lonely spinsters and widows who are moved with sympathy for the solitary bachelor. wish to cheer his remaining years, and in so doing bring joy to themselves. To-day we make brief extracts from the post-bag, selecting the most

Firstly, "Mr. X" himself writes to say that he

Firstly, "Mr. X" himself writes to say that he is answering two correspondents, and that he will be pleased to have more letters forwarded to him. "What is needed is a good matrimonial agency," says an Islington lady, who has been a widow for seven years, and feels her position extremely dismal. "When you go out by yourself you never feel happy," he adds, "and when you go home there is the same loneliness." "Patience" is a widow who makes the following touching appeal:—

I know it is unreasonable to expect an answer from you, but I thought there might be some other gentleman, who, like yourself, would prefer matrimony to leading a lonely life. I have everything I wish for but that one thing needful to complete happiness—namely, a loving husband.

Men, too, are joining the matrimonial quest. Among yesterday's contributions was one from an unbeneficed clergyman, who signs himself "Alpha." He writes:—

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I am a bachelor, thirty-nine years of age, and Master of Arts, without a penny of private income. I am of a literary 'turn,' devoted to music, and an enthusiast in physical culture. If I could find a comrade of like 'tastes from twenty-five to thirty years of age, and possessed of sufficient income, I should be very ready to enter the married state.

A Canonbury widow in "good position and well educated" would like to meet "Mr. X," and encloses her card as a pledge of good faith. She

It is one of my life purposes to cheer, help, and encourage the lonely ones, and I am often able to do so.

A lady in business, residing at Shepherd's Bush, begins her letter, "My Dear X," and goes on to

I should like to meet you so much. If you are not full up with appointments will you write and arrange a meeting, when we could have a chat and see what we thought of each other? If I do not hear from you I wish you every happiness in your undertaking.

From Blackheath comes a proposal of marriage to "Mr. X" from one who describes herself-as a "lonely old spinster who has never had an offer of marriage before." Giving name and address, the lady concludes by saying: "I have never thought that marriage is a failure."

A nurse "who can stand alone" encloses her card "as a pledge of good faith," and writes in the following unselfish strain, not to "Mr. X," but to another of our male correspondents:—

Will the gentleman signing himself "Forced Will the gentleman signing himself "Forced to be a Bachelor—Ealing" give me an opportunity to correspond with him? I do not regret single life, and I am on the verge of forty. Still, with an independent spirit, I earn in my profession more than my needs require. If I do not reach the ideal woman-hood of "Forced to be a Bachelor" (even as a friend), I will undertake to introduce him to several of my fellow-workers, who will, I am sure, make him and his friends change their present opinion.

FAT BOY FAMOUS.

Animated Scene in Village Playground When School Resumed.

When Charlie Watts, the Daily Mirror fat boy, returned to school yesterday after the Christmas holidays he found himself more famous than even in the playground.

His schoolmates vied with each other to get near tim, for "Charlie" is the gentlest boy in the him, for "Charlie" is the gentlest boy in the village. Every second boy had a Daily Mirror with the fat boy's pictures in it.

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They envied "Charlie" when he told them he was going to leave them one day and proceed to London. When he came back to Woodchurch he would have wonderful things to tell them.

Then "Charlie" strode out of the playground to watch a steam-roller entering the village. The other boys ran around him, and the fat boy had enough to do to keep from trampling on their toes.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

By order of the Thames Conservancy, Sonning Lock will be closed for a month from yesterday,

SLIPPERY RAILS STOP A TRAIN.

Owing to greasy rails, the heavily-laden newspaper train from London to South Wales was unable to ascend the steep gradient in the Severn tunnel yesterday morning.

All efforts to start the train failed till, after nearly an hour's delay, a second engine arrived on the

CONDUIT SYSTEM FOR NORTH LONDON.

Yesterday the Board of Trade announced its approval of the use on the North London Tram-ways of the underground conduit system of elec-

The condition, however, is laid down that the slot in the roadway is not to exceed one inch in width.

TO CHECK THE PLUMBER.

Householders in Norfolk and Suffolk are no longer at the mercy of the plumber, since all qualified men there hold certificates, issued by the dis-

Orders were issued yesterday to enlist men for Lady Dundonald has presented to Stockport the 11th Hussars.

In the South-Eastern District Orders it is stated that officers who wish to undergo a military ballooning course must be "good sailors."

Bethnal Green Borough Council has decided to inform the L.C.C. that, in their opinion, fish-frying and marine store dealers should be included among the offensive trades.

SYMPATHETIC PRISONER.

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While taking a man whom he had arrested to
the police station at Seaforth, Lancashire, Police
Constable L. Booth, suddenly feeling ill, was unable to proceed.
His prisoner, after rendering all the assistance
in his power, ran to the police station and quickly
returned-with two constables and a surgeon, who
found Booth dead of heart disease.

SHOULD EX-MAYORS WEAR BADGES?

To-morrow the borough councillors of Holborn will debate the delicate question of precedence which has long agitated this and other districts.

In a letter from the Metropolitan Mayors and ex-Mayors' Association it is recommended that:

1. The immediate ex-mayor should have a seat at

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

Descriptions of the Principal Photographs in To-day's " Daily Mirror."

ALL ABOUT THE PICTURES.

PORT ARTHUR'S NEW COMMANDANT.

A portrait of the new commandant at Port Arthur, Vice-Admiral Shibayama, appears on page 1. He has hitherto been in charge of the important naval station of Kure, and, as it is proposed to use the captured harbour as a Japanese

posed to use the captured harbour as a japanese naval port, was selected as the right man for the post. His Chief of Staff, Captain Tamori, was formerly at the Legation in London.

Their first task is to clear the waters of Russian floating mines, which were laid down in such quantities that it is feared some time must elapse before navigation can be resumed with safety.

"FOR VALOUR."

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There is no official reward that can be given for acts of heroism performed by civilians, but a number of people were unwilling that Mr. Albert Hardwick's splendid action in saving the life of an old lady who had fallen in front of an approaching train at Finsbury Park Station should pass unnoticed; and he was presented with a handsome clock at the church of St. Mary-at-Hill, Eastcheap, as a memento of his courageous effort and a token that it was not unappreciated.

It will be remembered that when Mr. Hardwick jumped on to the metals to rescue the lady who had fallen he found there was not sufficient time to regain the platform with her, the approaching train being by that time only a few yards away. With a coolness not less remarkable than his courage he thereupon contrived to do the only thing possible—to squeeze himself and the lady in the small space between the metals and the platform. There was not an inch to spare, but there was just sufficient, and the train passed by leaving them uninjured.

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uninjured. The father of the young man was, to add a dramatic touch to a true story, a witness of the rescue, though he did not know until afterwards that its hero was his son.
Mr. Hardwick appears in our photo on page 1, which also shows the clock presented to him.

THREE STEAMERS IN COLLISION.

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A rather unusual state of affairs is shown in our illustration on page 8 of the latest shipping disaster on the Clyde. The steamer Ardbeg, coming up the river at night, crashed into the wreck of the Kathleen, which lies partially submerged with the Stromboli, and remained fast, despite the most strenuous efforts to get her off. The vessel was considerably damaged about the bows, her forepeak being filled with water as the tide rose. The East Coast Salving Company have undertaken the task of raising the Kathleen and the Stromboli, and it may be hoped they will soon bring it to a conclusion, for the Ardbeg is the third steamer to come in contact with the wrecks within the short time that has elapsed since they were sunk.

A VETERAN PAINTER.

Sir Lawrence Alma-Tadema, whose portrait will be found on page 9, has just attained his sixty-ninth birthday. He is a Hollander by birth, having been born at Dronryp, in the Netherlands, but became a naturalised Englishman in 1873.

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Two years earlier he married his English wife, the present Lady Fadema, herself an accomplished artist. Their clever daughter, Miss Lawrence Alma Tadema, is an authoress of considerable repute, as well as a musician of more than ordinary merit.

Sir Lawrence was elected a member of the Royal Academy in 1879, and since that time, as well as for some years previously, has exhibited several pictures every year at Burlington House. He was knighted by Queen Victoria in 1899.

THE DEATH OF MISS EDITH RHODES.

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Miss Edith Rhodes, one of the sisters of the late Mr. Cecil Rhodes, has just died suddenly at St. Leonards. The deceased lady and her sister had for a long time been residents of Hastings. They lived in a house overlooking the famous Fairlight Glen, where the "Colosus" of South Africa was a frequent visitor when in England.

Miss Edith Rhodes, whose portrait will be found on page 5, was the senior of her celebrated brother, and her close attachment to him found characteristic expression in her stay in South Africa during the unsettled times which gave him so much anxiety.

THE MAN BEHIND THE GUN.

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Captain Percy Scott, whose portrait is on page 4, should be a round peg in a round hole as Director of Gunnery Practice. Holding this proposed new post, Captain Scott would have a general supervision of the gunnery of all the fleets and squadrons on service. He has captained his Majesty's ships Scylla and Terrible, and both vessels held the record in gunnery for the whole Navy during his command. Since then he has been in command of the Naval Gunnery School at Whale Island, Portsmouth. He is the inventor of many improvements in the mechanism connected with the handling of great guns, among them the famous carriage which did such fine service in China during the Boxer troubles, and later in South Africa.

AUTHORS OF OUR NEW SERIAL.





Miss Coralie Stanton and Mr. Heath Hosken, the authors of the powerful new serial story, "A Man in a Millon," which commences in to-morrow's "Daily Mirror,"—(Langler.)

trict council in connection with the Worshipful Company of Plumbers.

In issuing these certificates for the current year the council request that all complaints as to overcharge or work done by certificated plumbers should be addressed to it, that they may be dealt with in the public interest.

That past mayors should wear a distinguishing addge.

WORKHOUSE SMOKING-ROOM.

For some time next the investor of the current year.

DAILY MOTOR PAPER.

During the great motor-show at Olympia from February 10 to 18 there will be issued each morning "Daily Motoring Illustrated," this being the first daily motor-paper of Great Britain.

In Paris, it is worthy of remark, there are already two daily papers devoted to automobilism, "L'Auto" and "Le Velo."

HUMANITY, NOT DUTY.

For declining to remove a vagrant whom he found lying ill by the roadside, a relieving officer has been reprimanded by the Stafford Board of

Though legally it might not be his duty to attend to such cases, the board advised him to use his best endeavours in future.

CORONATION MUG HUNTERS.

Good prices are being given by curio-hunters for the mugs presented by Messrs. Doubton to the London poor at the Coronation dinners. One ticketed at 3s. 6d., and placed yesterday in the window of a West End curiosity shop, found a purchaser a few hours after it had been dis-

FOX AND DOG DUEL

Hotly pursued by a crossbred hound, a fox plunged into the Humber, just below Hull, and ball-way across whipped round and savagely

WORKHOUSE SMOKING-ROUM.

For some time past the immates of the Lambeth Workhouse have been allowed to smoke tobacco, but only outside the union.

It being felt this restriction is too arduous for infirm paupers, the guardians are now providing the workhouse with a comfortable smoke-room.

BLIND BOY'S RUN FOR HELP.

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Left with his blind brother alone in an outlying
country cottage near Ramsey, Isle of Man, a threeyear-old child set fire to his clothes while throwing
paper on a dying fire.

Realising what had happened from his brother's
screams, the blind boy groped his way from the
house and ran three miles to the nearest neighbour for the assistance which, unfortunately, came
too late to save the child.

SEPARATE COURTS FOR CHILDREN.

Strenuous endeavours are being made by the Committee on Wage-Earning Children to secure the constitution of separate courts of justice for

Metropolitan local authorities are being asked to present a petition to the Home Secretary for the re-introduction of the Justice Jurisdiction (London)

JEWS TO PAY THEIR INTERPRETER.

For many years Jews in Whitechapel and the East End generally have contributed over £100 per annum to the salary of a Yiddish interpreter at the Whitechapel County Court.

Whitechapel County Court.
Considering that such an official is essential to
the conduct of the court, the Jewish Board of
Deputies recently asked the Government to bear
the cost of the official.
Replying to this suggestion, the Lord Chancellor
now states that the Treasury do not see their way
to make the allowance asked for.

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A BAD BEGINNING.

F Dr. Torrey's denunciation of dancing is a specimen of the doctrines he and Mr. Alexander will propound at their Albert Hall revival meetings, we are afraid their mission is not likely to meet with much success.

We have in England a constitutional dislike and distrust of people who betray an overkeen scent for immorality. "Evil be to him who evil thinks" is one of our national mottoes. We cannot help feeling that a man who sniffs out vice in all sorts of unexpected places must have an unhealthy imagination.

Men who feel as Dr. Torrey does about dancing-that it is a dangerous amusement in which "no modest woman should ever take part"-ought certainly not to dance. But there is no reason why they should suppose everyone to possess the same undisciplined nature, to be afflicted with the same lack of self-control. It is insulting to womanhood and manhood alike to take such a low view.

Further, it is putting into the minds of the thousands of people-mostly young peoplewho dance without a thought which is not innocent and clean, ideas which it is a shame to force into their ken. What sort of dancing has Dr. Torrey had experience of? Apparently the lowest. Yet we ourselves should hesitate to attribute even to the dancing saloon of the slums the "moral leprosy" of which he speaks as if it tainted every house where at this holiday time happy, healthy-minded girls and boys are dancing to their heart's content.

We can only hope that this outburst is not typical of the Torrey-Alexander ideas. may perhaps be a pet fad personal to Dr. Torrey himself. Evangelists who based their views upon the supposition that men and women were rotten to the core could not hope for much influence in this country.

THE TIGER UNTAMED.

We often talk glibly about Man having tamed the forces of Nature. What poor boasting it seems when it is put alongside such accounts of the fury of wind and sea as we are printing just now from many parts of Britain's coast!

We have learnt to harness waterfalls, to use the electric currents in the atmosphere, to bridge great rivers, to cross the oceans in swift floating palaces. We bid the lightning take a harmless course. We turn aside a thousand ills that devastated humanity in less highly-civilised states.

Yet Nature, as if in derision of the little we have done to make ourselves her masters. breaks out every now and again into a fit of ungovernable violence. Then we hear of havoc wrought by tide and gale; of structures, proudly built, being flung down and in an instant demotished; of ships hurled ashore; of rivers overflowing; of this blown

down and that washed away, with no pos-sibility of being saved oy any effort of man.

For, truly, the wind still "bloweth where it listeth," in spite of all our science and our engineering skill; and we are as much as ever at the mercy of the angry waves. We are like children playing with a tiger. While it is good-natured and lazily tolerant, they can do almost anything with it. Let its mood change: they fly in terror before its quivering muscles and its hot, fierce breath.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

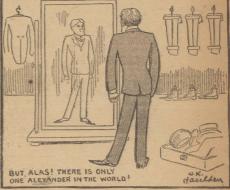
Debauchery, which pretends to lead men to pleasures, cannot conduct them thither, but decreives them, leaving them in disappointment and disgust. Temperance and sobriety alone give us the true taste of pleasures.—Socratés.

MR. GEORGE ALEXANDER'S SEARCH FOR A "DOUBLE" OF HIMSELF.









Mr. Alexander has been obliged to postpone the production of a raw play he intended to produce shortly, because he cannot find any actor sufficiently like himself to play his "double."

MORNING'S GOSSIP. THIS

ESTERDAY afternoon the King arrived safely in London, after a very pleasant time at Chatsworth. The Queen has gone back to her favourite Sandringham, where she will back to her favourite Sandringham, where she will stay until it is time to join the King at Windsor, probably on January 16. Their Majesties will spend about three weeks at Windsor, and will attend a memorial service there on January 22, Queen Victoria's death-day. They make it a rule to visit Windsor at this time of the year. The King could not well spend the anniversary of his mother's death elsewhere. Queen Victoria herself was always there for the memorial service on the anniversary of Prince Albert's death.

On another page appear portraits of the well-known writers, Miss Coralie Stanton and akr. Heath Hokken, whose new story, "A Man in a Million," begins to-morrow in the Daily Mirror. Although they are both young, they have a long record of good work behind them. Writing serial stories, which is their principal line, is different kind of work from ordinary novel-writing, and in some ways more difficult. Mr. Hosken says he builds up his stories as a dramatis builds up a play, with due regard, of course, for "curtains" and simplicity of action.

Attempts have often been made to discover how these ingenious inventors collaborate. It is an open secret that they are husband and wife, but the secret of their method of work has been better kept. All they will admit is that they talk over their work a great deal, and that each writes those incidents which appeal to him or to her most strongly. Whether the love interest appeals more to Miss Stanton than it does to Mr. Hosken, or vice-versa, is a question at which they merely exchange an amused smile.

IN MY GARDEN THIS MORNING.

JANUARY 10.—While the country gardener has to contend with moles and rabbits, the town gardener has often to wage war against the unromantic

Where eats are troublesome the garden should be surrounded with wire netting, the top left to hang loosely. Chloride of lime or wet tar placed on the tops of walls will help to keep them away. Mice will soon be on the look-out for the white shoots of the crocuses. Later on sparsows may, if unchecked, work have among the flowers, Mouretraps must therefore be set at once. Black cotton stretched above the crocuses keeps most birds at bay.

How powerless the Tsar is against the officials of his Court is strikingly illustrated by the court is strikingly in the court in the court is strikingly in the court in the court is strikingly in the court in the court in the court is strikingly in the court in the cou How powerless the Tsar is against the officials of his Court is strikingly illustraced by the experience a famous portrait-painter, Protessor Tusen, has just had in St. Petersburg. For painting his portrait the Tsar gave the professor an order on the Court Treasury for £1,200. The officials would only pay the artist £800. The rest, they said, was their commission, dicount, and so on. "They never paid the full amount of the Tsar's orders," they declared.

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When the painter went to bid farewell to his Imperial Majesty he was asked whether he had received his fee. He explained what had happened, and the Tsar then gave him the extra £400 in gold out of his own stock of bullion. He did not seem at all surprised to hear of the action of his servants, and apparently took no steps to bring them to book. What a humiliating position for a monarch who talks so largely about autocracy and cannot even get his cheques cashed for their full amount!

It is good news to hear that Miss Miriam Cle-nents, one of the most beautiful of English

MAN OF THE MOMENT.

The Hon. J. W. Lowther, M.P.

HE is to succeed Lord Milner as High Commissioner in South Africa. He is just the man. He will be popular and he will do his work

He is young enough to go about the country, for he is still under fitty, and though he is a martyr to gout he seldom gives in to it. He is a thorough good sportsman and very well known on the turf, a nat ne does not know about a horse is not worth knowing, which will endear him to the sport-loving

Colonials.

He is eminently just, which will go far in his favour with Boers. He is strong enough to be partial to his own side, which will also tell in his favour, for the Boer farmer is partial himself and can understand partiality better than its ab-

actresses, is soon to be seen playing parts worthy of her with Mr. Alexander at the St. James's Theatre. Miss Clements is one of the actresses who have made their way quite without theatrical influence. When she first went on the stage she knew no one, absolutely ne one, in the theatrical world, and her family were strongly opposed to her taking the step she did. But they are quite reconciled to it now.

Miss Clements has the finest complexion of any woman on the stage, and other actresses are always begging her to give them the secret of it. She tells them that the only secret is an avoidance of all "make-up." No rouge, no grease paints, no miraculous powders are to be found in her dressing-room. For the rest, she lives, as far as possible, in the open air, eats little—only two meals a day—and never touches alcohol. Thus she manages to make London agree with her, though she spends most of her week-ends at the seaside.

The New Gallery was crowded yesterday The New Gallery was crowded yesterday, and will be crowded for weeks, with people anxious to see the new Rodin. Wonderful M. Rodin, who can make a statue out of anything alive and human, has chosen a characteritic subject. He likes what the French call. "the beauty of ugliness," and never rejects a model who is originally hideous or beautiful. Once an old, withered Italian peasant, whom most sculptors would have scorned, came into his studio in Paris. She was starving. M. Rodin engaged her, and made her one of his most famous studies of rugged oid age.

Generally one appearance in the Divorce Court is considered enough for a man's lifetime, but apparently Sir Chales Hardopp, who has just filed another petition against his wile and will therefore appear again there, does not think so. Sir Charles, whose most private affairs were revealed to the public in 1902, is very fond of the Turf, and is known to his numerous rating friends as "Topps." He is not particularly wealthy, and his spoating predilections leave him in a chronic condition of being "hard-up." But he is very popular in his own set.

sence. By birth and by instinct he is of the land—his family have been of the Yorkshire dales for centuries—so he will understand an agricultural people. Nine years ago he was made Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons. Ever since that date the House of Commons. Ever since that date the House has congratulated itself on the fact. He never hesitates, and always knows his own mind; which makes for discipline. And in spite of his strictness he is really very popular.



IN THE TRACK OF THE GALE.



A gale scene at St. Leonards, with the rough sea dashing up on to the promenade.

SCENE AT SCARBOROUGH AT LOW TIDE.



A view of the wreck of Scarborough Pier. This photograph, which was taken at low tide yesterday, shows portions of the ironwork embedded in the sands.

THE CLYDE SHIPPING DISASTER.



Here is a photograph of a unique spectacle. It shows the three vessels, the Kathleen, Stromboli, and Ardbeg, locked together after the recent collision on the Clyde. The two former boats lay partly submerged in the river, when the Ardbeg collided with the wrecks.

MILE END ELECTION.



Mr. Harry Lawson, son of Lord Burnham, who was yesterday nominated as Unionist candidate for the Mile End division.—(Copyright: Daily Mirror.)



Types of aliens at Mile End who are daily arriving in London and ousting the British workman. The campaign in the Mile End division is being largely run on the alien question.—(Copyright: Daily Mirror.)



Mr. Straus, who was yesterday nominated as Liberal candidate for the Mile End election. A keen contest is anticipated on Thursday, when the polling takes place.—(Copyright; Daily Mirror.)

THE FAT BOY



Charles Watts, the *Daily Mirror* fat boy is a comparatively big man himself, he tic son, as the above photograph shows. church, near Ashford, Kent; and turns only fourteen years of age, and stand

BOATIN



This photograph illustrates a type It shows some men i

ID HIS FATHER.



I his father. Although Charles's father ompletely overshadowed by his giganarles lives with his parents at Woodcale at 28st. This remarkable boy is high.—(Copyright: Daily Mirror.)

ALL THE NEWS IN PHOTOGRAPHS

FAMOUS R.A.'s BIRTHDAY.



Sir Lawrence Alma-Tadema, the famous painter, who has just celebrated his sixtyninth birthday. Sir Lawrence was photographed at the door of his magnificent house in Grove End-road, St. John's Wood.

THROUGH THE STREETS AT YARMOUTH.



at Great Yarmouth during the high tide caused by the gade which swept along the east coast, way home through the streets, where the water was several feet deep.—(Sayers.)

THE FLOODS ON THE EAST COAST.



Houses in the North Beach district at Lowestoft flooded by the high tide after the recent gale. This photograph shows some of the inhabitants waiting for boats to bring them supplies.



The scene at the North Quay, Great Yarmouth, showing the broad roadway converted into a surging waterway by the high tide.—(Sayers.)



The engine-shed seen in the above photograph was completely wrecked by the flood at Lowestoft. The water space here seen is dry land under usual conditions, but with the abnormal rise of the tide during the gale it was many feet under water in less than ten minutes.

THE SINGLE LIFE.

Suits Many Women, but Is Fatal to Men's Comfort.

NO HOME WITHOUT A WOMAN.

By ANNESLEY KENEALY.

"When a man's married his trouble begins," is an old adage invented by some prehistoric, grumpy bachelor to pretend he liked being "on the shelf."

As a matter of fact, there is some salvation for woman in the single state. There is none for men

A man, married or single, is always at the me cy of some woman. That's Nature's eternal scheme of things to prevent men from remaining

If it isn't a wife, it is his landlady, his house keeper, or a spinster sister.

"May as well be married outright," says the sensible man, "for I'm bound to be 'woman

Woman's superiority is shown by the fact that she can make a home without a man. No man can make a home without a woman. This fact gives the eternal woman an eternal whip-hand over men persons. Man is a rudderless creature if he has not femininity at the household helm. But women car steer themselves and lead complete human lives without masculine assistance.

WOMEN RARELY IMPROVED BY MARRIAGE.

A bachelor man's life lacks the humanities. He just studies himself, his own grumpy constitution, his selfish aches and pains. He fancies every woman he meets has designs on the shrivelled atom he calls

"Old maids," on the other hand, are often the only real mothers their nephews and nieces have. Nearly all the benificent charities and good works to help the sick and the sorrowful are conceived in the hearts of so-called "sour spinsters" who have missed love's milestone somehow on their life jour

Has one a sorrow or a love secret? Does one take it to the happy wife and mother? A hundred times, No. To the vinegary old bachelor? A million times, No.

times, No.

One takes it unerringly to the big heart and the full sympathy of an "old maid." Little children tell the saciotent unmarried auntie a hundred things they would not dream of confiding to mother.

The backhol runcle is often good for "tips"—but not for confidences. For the fount of a man's sympathies soon runs dry in single harness. Caution, reserve, and an armour of self-protection areainst designing names avoil the server servers. against designing woman spoil the most generou

nature.

It is a curious circumstance that women are rarely inaproved by marriage. A man always is. Even if he marries the worst sort of woman, and lives unhappily ever after, he is a better man and a finer type of human than if he had remained single.

MARRIED OLD MAIDS.

It is not easy to explain. But facts are stubborn things-almost as stubborn as an old bachelor. One has known a nice, elderly, unnarried man here and there, as one has seen a white black-bird. But rartites are not worth considering in the married or single "argument. Many married women, mothers of large families, are never anything but sour old maids in temper and temperament. Married men, on the other hand, rarely develop crusty old bachelor characteristics.

hand, rarely develop crusty old bachelor charac-teristics.

Disraeli said: "All women should marry, but no men." As a matter of fact, marringe is a milliion times more necessary to men than to women. Bluebeard is a more human type than the backelor, "Better to have married and murdered a dozen wives than never to have married at all." Backelors are always patting themselves on the back and trying to prove that marring is a failure. This is a most suspicious sign. If they were so very sure of their case it would not be necessary to protest so much. When a child is afmid of bugies in a dark room he whistles or shouts at the top of his voice to reassure himself of his b-avery. When the boastful backelor provlaims from the housetops the glorious go-pel of single blessed-house he is like the whistling boy trembling at bogies.

THE PANIC-STRICKEN BACHELOR.

Byron woke one moning to find himself famous. The average middle-aged unmarried man wakes one morning to realise that he is on the shelf. One of two things then happens. He becomes panicatricken, rushes out, and proposes to the nearest available woman, doing badly in his middle age that which he might have done well in the days of his routh.

Or he wraps the anti-marriage mantle more tightly round his luckless self, realises that it is too late, and in the rôle of the boastful bachelor poess as the man whom no woman has been clever

enough to catch.

This type of man is bullied by his housekeeper, tyrannised over by his cook, and, if he is at all well off, is expected to educate and provide for

half a dozen of the children of his improvident married brothers and sisters. As a bachelor he thus gets the worst of all life's

gains.

It is roost is ruled by paid servants, he is as
the henpecked by his housekeeper as he could
by a wife. He endures all the drawbacks
disadvantages which a woman can bring into nd disadvantages which a woman can bring into man's life without the love, comfort, and coma man's life without the pensations of marriage.

ANNESLEY KENEALY.

OPPOSING OPINIONS.

Letters from Our Readers Debating the Question of the "Single Life."

TWO UNHAPPY STATES.

Marriage without love is not a success; celibacy ith love is a failure. OBSERVER OF OTHERS. Earlsfield-road, Wandsworth.

A FRANK CONFESSION,

As a single man, I was always miserable and hard-up. I married the daughter of a man of means, and have been happy ever since. Her father keeps us both.

ALFRED THORPE.

OMINOUS RHYMES.

The only English words I have been able to find to rhyme with "wife" are :- "Strife," "life,"

They are sufficiently ominous to keep me Queen-square, W.C.

NO TIME TO BE LONELY.

I am a single woman of thirty-eight, but find no ime to be lonely, my numerous triends making constant demands upon my interest, sympathy, and affection; and from the friendship of good, tr men and lovable, womanly women I derive co stant happiness. A CONTENTED SPINSTER. Dulwich.

MARRIED HAPPINESS.

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I say no. I am forty-one years of age, have been married twenty-one years, and have a large lamily—my home, wife, and children are my idols. I am taken for twenty-five to twenty-eight years of age. That does not look like being "harassed." Let "Contented Bachelor" get a good wife, and he will know what real happiness is. But he must row in the same boat. Walter.

West Green West Green.

A QUESTION OF SEEKING. I should like to tell "Forced to be a Bachelor" and his friends that there are many "womanly" women still to be found. I would strongly advise him to seek, and he will find.

I am thirty-seven, and can say single life is not a success. How can we expect "success" out of incompleteness?

AN UNWILLING SPINSTER.

MARRIAGE A DUTY.

It is the duty of every human being to get

I consider I am in the wrong myself, for I am I consider I am in the wrong mysen, for a mixecuty-four years of age and still single; but it is only through being mable to find a suitable partner. There are a large number of young men who prefer to remain single rather than marry a woman who thinks more of society accomplishments than the good principles which bring happiness.

JOHN GARNER.

A CONTEMPTIBLE WIFE

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For all sensible-minded people it is a consoling fact that all wives are not of the contemptible stunithat "A Married Friend of a Bachelor" is made of.

To boast publicly in a widely-read journal that her husband, home, and children are things of minor importance, while ephemeral amusements are her chief objects in life, is worthy of only the most callous and degraded of her sex.

Thank God, the majority of women are made of very much finer qualities.

A MARRIED MAN.

Charlotte-street, Manchester-square.

A WOMAN WORKER.

A WOMAN WORKER.

It is women, like myself, forced to go out in the world to make their own living, without the support and counsel of kindred, who so keenly feel the loneliness of single life.

I have travelled much and seen many wonders I might have missed had I married, but in my most successful and happiest moments I very much doube if I have been half so happy as I should have been in a little home of my own, with a kind-hearted husband to counsel, and guide me.

A SPINSTER OF THIRTY-EIGHT.

Southwark, London.

MAN'S BEST FRIEND.

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I cannot help thinking that some of the writers of letters regarding "single life" write selfi hly and in mere spiteful tones. Take, for instance, Mr. Nash's letter, in which he says, "No woman shall ever enter my house."

4 trust this is the feeling of very few men. It will, I am sure, be a bad day for us men-folk when we make such a resolution as that, which will debar us from the company of, as a rule, the best friend and companion—woman.

G. B. JONES, C.M.A.

TREASURE HUNTING.

Lord Fitzwilliam's Mysterious Accident the Result of Seeking Buried Wealth.

STOLEN GOLD OF COCOS ISLAND.

Coal is valuable, but Earl Fitzwilliam proves to have gone for more valuable merchandise than that which he originally announced himself to be in search of

Yesterday's telegrams announce mysterious accident was a landslip on Cocos Island, which lies 500 miles south-west of Panama, and also that one of the guests on board was Admiral

Admiral Palliser, like many another gallant

Admiral Fattiser, the final above.

Admiral has a firm belief in his chances of finding some of the many lost and hidden treasures which are scattered about the world.

Admiral Palliser's special treasure is on Cocos Island, and if Lo.d Fitzwilliam's trip was in search of it this is the Admiral's third try to recover it.

Almost all the lost treasures of which the world knows are under water. Sunken Spanish plateships are scattered over half, the world. This Cocos Island treasure is one of the most interesting of buried treasures, for it is not only one of the largest, but the clues to it seem to be the clearest. Really there are two treasures on Cocos Island. The first was buried by the crew of a pirate ship within a year or two after 1820. It was very carefully hidden and no chart was made.

When the leaders paid the penalty of their crimes the secret died with them. Members of the crew who escaped had no very precise knowledge, and naturally said little for years. The hints they

LORD FITZWILLIAM.



Who has been hurt by a landslip while treasure hunting in Cocos Island.—(Russell.)

had given to friends have been collected, but are

useless.

The second treasure was hidden on Cocos Island

The second treasure was hidden on Cocos Island about fifteen years later, by the crew of the Mary. Dier. It consisted of the treasures of the rich city of Callao, in Peru, sent away for safety when revolution was feared.

No sooner did the Mary Dier get safely away than the crew broke their trust, and buried the treasure on Cocos Island, though pursued by the Peruvians, who had become suspicious. After leaving the island, the Mary Dier was wrecked on the Peruvian coast, and all but three of the crew were put to death: One of these died, and the others escaped, without showing where the treasure was buried.

Kearton, one of these two, returned to the island.

treasure was buried.

Kearton, one of these two, returned to the island some, years after, and removed about £12,000 worth, but d'ed before he could pay another visit. He passed on his story to a man called Hackett, who, on his death bed, soon after, told it again who, on his death o Admiral Palliser.

TREASURE OF THE SACRED LAKE

B'g as this treasure of Cocos Island is—its exact amount is not known, though the Peruvian treasure alone is several millions—it is as nothing compared to a treasure in South America. When the Spaniards conquered Mexico they found, as well as the Ireas and Az exes, a naion called the Chibehas. Each year for generations these people had cast an enormous quantity of gold and piles of emeralds into the sacred lake of Gwa'avita, not far from B words, as an offering to the rods.

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The Spaniards attempted to drain the lake to recover the gold and jewels, but only succeeded in lowering the water a few feet. Even that put them in possession of an enormous treasure. What the accumulation of precious metal and jewels at the bottom of the lake amounts to it is impossible even to estimate, for the Chibehas were an ancient people, and as wealthy as the Incas.

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Policemen at once hurried to the spot indicated. They were greeted by frenzied cries from the lower windows of the "Laurels." But it was not a case of murder. The family that lived at the "Laurels" was merely playing "Pit" with a few friends.

BEATS PING-PONG.

Seeing that the patentees of "Pit" readily admit that they have already spread 250,000 sets of apparatus for the game over the land—they have orders for hundreds of thousands more—it is to be wondered that such "tragedies" are not more common. "Pit," in fact, is in the process of becoming such a craze as ping-pong only dreamt of being in its wildest imaginings.
"Two! Two!! Two!!" "When these wild cries are heard issuing from a first-class railway carriage, they are not an indication, as in normal times might be suspected, that some poor traveller has just gone mad over Bradshaw—they only mean that a party of City gentlemen going up to town are playing "Pit."

If you get into the carriage whence the weird sounds proceed you will very likely discover that some venerable merchant whom you have long respected as a churchwarden has just "cornered apparatus for the game over the land-they have

rye," and has fallen back into his seat red in the

rye," and has fallen back into his seat red in the face with vocal exertion and triumph.

Why \$\frac{1}{8}\$ is that the doctor, whose well-modulated mellow tones are accustomed to give you such confidence when they recommend a tonic and early hours, now repeats his advice in hoarse, rasping accents? It is because he has been playing "Pit" over night, and has disorganised his larnyx.

Yet, talking of doctors and noise, xi is 'remarkable that the former say that the latter is one of "Pit's" 'ni moderation, of course, the doctors declare, all profit from pulmonary disease would rapidly disappear—a mortal's lungs cannot go wrong when toughened and seasoned by "Pit."

There are hygienic drawbacks, on the other hand, to the game. It produces insomnia among non-players. Not only does it affect injuriously would-be sleepers in adjacent houses and flats,



Who is performing in Paris just now. This is how he appears to an artist of "Le Rire."

but when played to excess it produces talking in the player's sleep. Many wives of those suffering from "Pittis" have complained that their husbands suddenly start up in bed in the middle of the night, and shout out "A bull corner in wheat?" or smillar statements.

From the moral, as distinct from the hygienic, standpoint, there is much to be said both for and

POPULAR WITH THE PARISIANS.



ther caricature of "Little Tich," n "Le Rire," a clever French comic paper.

against "Pit." It is contended, on one hand, that the

against "Pit." It is contended, on one hand, that the frantic haste necessary to acquire nine cards of a suit before anyone else does so teaches energy, and rouses the most lethargic to industry. Against this must be set the inculcation of greed peculiar to the game, and the dishonest palming off of the final "bear" on an unsuspecting neighbour.

In spite of these moral defects the game has claimed many victims among metropolitan divines of all denominations. One well-known minister who plays soothes his conscience by never trying to "corner wheat,"—which counts highest—and by always keeping the "bear" when it comes to him. The people whom he plays with say that, despite this handicap, he still has an advantage by reason of the penetrating power of his voice.

"Progressive Pit" parties, or, to give them their pet name, "pandemonia," are being held on all sides with the greatest eclat. Results such as are gained by half a dozen simultaneous games of "Pit" have never been known before. Some players advocate the use of a little pianoforte music at "pandemonia," urging that the instrument's sounds tone down and remove the asperities of the "tout-ensemble."

The Lesson of Port Arthur. Let Englishmen learn what we take to be the chief lesson of the siege, that life belongs to oneself only that it may be devoted to one's country,—Outlook.

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M. de Lanessan in the Paris "Sticle."

Enjoying Bad Health in Egypt.

Doctors send their patients to Egypt when the November fogs close in and London resigns itself to clammy darkness. It is an agreeable prescription. There are many less pleasant things than to be just ill enough to be ordered to Egypt, and quite well enough to enjoy it.—Outlook.

PENNY POST BIRTHDAY.

How the Post Office Has Grown in the Last Sixty-five Years.

Sixty-five years ago to-day saw the start of the official penny postage. For it we have to thank Sir Rowland Hill. He, on his side, received his reward in about £35,000 in cash, a post of £2,000 a year, his salary continued when he retired, and a grave in Westminster Abbey.

But there had been a penny post in London 160 years before, and a good one, too. There were ten deliveries a day, but London was small then.

When the penny post was started in 1840, the

When the penny post was started in 1840, the Post Office was a small affair. The number of postal packets was only 126,000,000 a year, the gross income £2,339,737.

The letters cost from 4d. to 1s. 8d. each for postage, and the average charge was 9d. You could only send a single sheet of paper, and the weight had to be under loz. If the letter contained two sheets of paper, or the smallest enclosure, it became a double one.

Sir Rowland Hill showed that the expenses of the Post Office were almost all for collection and delivery—not for carriage—so he proposed a universal rate. He also showed that the average cost was less than 1d., and so saked for the reduction in price.

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To-day things are very different. From the last Postmaster-General's report, 4,300,000,000 postal packets went through the post in the year. The gross revenue was £15,824,394, and the profit £4,644,307.

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To deal with this 81,865 people were permanently employed, and 188,031 wholly or in part, Scattered about the United Kingdom are 22,850 post offices and 37,521 letter-boxes.
And besides letters and parcels you can teles phone, send telegrams, and even marconigrams. The Post Office has grown very healthly in its sixty-five years.

THE JUDGE'S SECRET. By ANDREW LORING,

Author of "Mr. Smith of England."

CHAPTER LXIV. Retrospects.

Lady Chetnole, tall and stately, stepped forward with outstretched hand, and looked with smiling interest at her shy visitor, whose nervous manner implied an apology for her very existence.

"Why, Jane Brown," she cried, "this is really too absurd of you. You've had oceans of money for nearly a year now, and you haven't got used to it—not the least little bit.

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"I never shall, my lady," answered Jane Brown pathetically.

She had accepted Lady Chetnole's hand with a hesitation which conveyed reproach. She seemed to say to this most generous-hearted gentlewoman that, in thus receiving an old servant, she was violating all the traditions of etiquette.

"Sit down," said Lady Chetnole laughing, "you are ridiculous, Jane. They tell me your onyx has turned into a perfect gold mine, and that you positively don't know what to do with your money. Mr. Mordaunt—by the way, did you know they are coming back from their honeymoon this afternoon? I promised Mrs. Mordaunt to meet them at the station."

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"Yes, my lady, I know," said prim Jane Brown, as she crossed her hands helplessly in front of her. "Mrs. Mordaunt has written to me, and asked me to come, too, but I couldn't think of it, my lady. I shall wait upon her later on."

"Absurd, Jane, they are going straight on to Somersetshire to-day. I shall missit on your coming with me. I shall drive you to the station."

Iane Brown's wrinkled old face was a study of distress. The responsibilities of wealth were involving her every day in terrible complications, were forcing her into situations which offended her every sense of the proprieties. She had spent a lifetime as a domestie servant; and she thought it very cruel that these ladies should now insist on treating her as an independent being, who had a right to opinions, hopes, ambitions of her own. Silent Jane Brown had been too long absorbed in the lives of others to know now how to live her own. "It was only right," continued Lady Chetnole, "that Mrs. Mordaunt should write to you. He has made a very handsome thing for himself out of the onyx. Why, they might not have been able to marry for years.
"She has money, my lady."

"She has money, my lady."
"Yes, yes—but he wouldn't have been willing

to marry until he had at least made a start of some kind. He got more than a good opening through you. You seem to distrust us all, Jane. It isn't because you are rich that we wish to be friendly. You were with me for years, and were faithful and devoted. I shall always feel most kindly to you, rich or poor; but you make it very difficult for me. To treat one who has three times as much money as I have as a maid is ridiculous; but you seem determined to force me to do it.

"I am too old to change. I have been unhappy all this year."

"Unhappy?—your money has not changed anything to you. Mr. Mordaunt told me that you gave him full power to do what he liked, and that you've been travelling about on the Continent with

Wiss Elton."
"Yes, my lady—but Miss Elton, too—she couldn't forget either. She wanted to have another

"United by the control of the contro

There was a world of appeal in Jane Brown's precisely modulated voice, as she looked in trembling anxiety at her one-time mistress.

"You perfectly absurd person," cried Lady Chetnole; "fancy—Jane Brown—the millionaire-moid."

note; anney—june maid."

"Oh no, my lady, not nearly as much as that. You see, Mr. Mordaunt is getting rid of it as fast as he can for me."

"I understand now. I have seen contributions mentioned in the papers from Mr. Brasser's estate to all kinds of hospitals and things."

"Yes, my lady. Everything that was left by the forged will has been paid. You see the hospitals expected it. But that doesn't take it all."

There was a note of despair in the poor woman's voice.

"A comic opera," thought Lady Chetnole.
"Half my friends are in misery because they cannot make money to pay debts. Poor Jane Brown is wretched because she can't make debts, and sc

is wretched because she can't make debts, and so pay money."

"It's the most extraordinary thing," she said aloud, "that a forged will, forged in order to enable two men to carry out a gigantic swindle, comes true after all. I wonder if they ever hear anything in gaols. I wonder if that man Skerrett knows what you have done. I daresay, if he hadn't taken the amount that he allotted to himself in the will, you would even pay that."

"Well, my lady," answered Jane Brown, apologetically, "he was led wrong. It came out in his trial that that Sometting, has been put aside for Mr. Skerrett. He will be out of prison in three years without a penny, with no hope, no chance."

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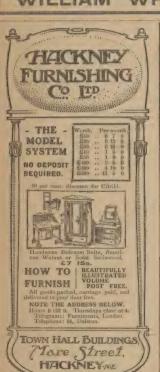
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The latest model in Directoire coats cut away to show the draped sash beneath it.

A coat that very much attracted my attention was nuit of black velvet of the richest kind, lined with broche silk and trimmed with a lovely real mink collar. It was one of others devorated with sable and chinchila collars that have been marked down to less than half price, for whereas from twenty to fifteen guineas was the original cost, the sale price is from five to seven guineas.

The sale price of the Come coat, as this blouse is called, is 68s, though the ordinary price was 48 18s. 6d. I ought to add that it is also made in plain black velvet, and that it is fitted with a basque, which may be bought in graduated widths. Elderly ladies, whô in many shops are not considered as they should be, are at Messrs. Peter Robinson's specially considered. I would draw attention therefore to a great number of velvet and silk mantles, some of them very incliy trimmed, others plain, and all lined with silk. These have been made in extra large sizes, as well as in the

ordinary ones stocked; indeed, what is known as double extra out sizes are for sale, so that no one need fear that she will not find her fit in this de-

partment.

The ordinary price of these velvet and silk mantles was from five and a half to twenty guineas, but now an exceedingly handsome one can be obtained for 49s, 6d., 63s., and, indeed, at almost any price up to twelve guineas. One I saw was entirely covered with hand wrought silk lace, picked out with fine jet embroideries, and another one owed its beauty to the richness of the material that composed it and the lovely brocade and lace that edged it.

edged it.

Let us pause now for a moment before the operacoats and decide to take-advantage of the marvellous bargains to be obtained in this way. The Ruby
is a coat made by the firm in cream, champagne,
and the pastel shades of colour, and also in blacklaced colth. Each coat is lined with rich merveil

leuse silk, and is very prettily trimmed with dainty soutache, edged by tafts of differently-coloured chemille spots. I fell in love with a cream coat, worked with manue chemille and silver, but there were numbers of other combinations of colour that would suit other women as well as and probably better than this. The sale price of these coats is 78s. 6d. The Camille is an opera coat, made of rich black satin, lined throughout with soft silk, and trimmed with a cascade of lace down the front, and a handsome gauged cape, while at the throat and cuffs twists and knots of velvet give colour to the scheme. The sale price of this garment is 44 14s. 6d., and different-colours of velvet can be secured.

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As the sold, and different-colours of velvet can be secured.

The children will soon be going back to school, so I shall be doing many mothers a very good turn if I mention the fact that I never saw, anywhere, throughout an experience that is very varied of bargain-hunting, greater marvels than the coats for girls from five to twelve years of age are, which have been marked down, in order that they may be cleared away, at ridiculous prices, ranging from 5s. 6d. to 10s. 6d., though under usual circumstances a guinea is the price asked and willingly paid for such excellent cloth, cut, and workman-ship.

ship.

One coat was of mole-coloured cloth, with an apricot glacé lining; it would fit a little damsel of five and yet only cost 5s. 6d.; and another was even less in price, though it would well equip a child of eight years old. I must heartily recommend this treasure trove.

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Another very tope takes, the salient features or which are the capes, the waistcoat, and the lace cravat.

A coat for the country, built of black and brown checked cloth, and trimmed with brown leather.

gains I fancy will suit my readers. Some truly marvellous ones are to be obtained in the mantles and coats department. I who have seen them am annaced at the generosity that abounds here, and can assure all who do not want mantles and coats, but do want something else, that the same salient reductions obtain in every other department. I will now describe a few of the wonderful coats that are being sold at far less than half price, as my figures will prove. A model coat, absolutely fresh, and made of the finest tan cloth in the newest manner, has a deep pelerine collar and stole composed of real mole-skin outlining ermine, an ornament which is detachable, so that the coat is a completely suitable garment to wear either with or without it. The cost of this coat before the sale was 415 13s.; it is now to be sold for 45 15s. 6d.

I saw another lovely coat, also of pale tan cloth, trimmed about the throat with silver soutache and velvet of a delicate and very pretty manye shade. This coat was lined with peach and white brocade, and was being sold, as were many oftens of the same pattern, or almost the same, at 43 18s. 6d., though the original price was eight and a half guineas.

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THE JUDGE'S SECRET. (Continued from page 11.)

You foolish, soft-hearted woman. I suppose if

Harold Somerton hadn't paid the last great penalty

Harold Somerton hadn't paid the last great penalty you would have done something for him, too?"
"No, my lady, never for him. He was a cruel man, who did not know what mercy meant. His punishment was just."
"I am glad to think," said Lady Chetnole drily, "that one person has lived not quite perfect. You are a ridiculous sentimentalist, Jane, and you don't deserve your gool luck at al."
"I don't, indeed, my lady; that's what I complain of—and I don't call it good luck, either."
A sudden thought struck Lady Chetnole. "Jane Brown," she cried, "you are the one who sent #22,000 to Mrs. La Grange? I heard of her getting it."
There was a flush of embarrassment on the shy woman's withered cheek.

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"I did not mean to take a liberty," she said apologetically; "I know your ladyship will never apologetically; tell her."

"I couldn't if I wished: she hid herself away "I couldn't if I wished; she hid herself away, poor woman, after her brother was sentenced to death. I think she found the money very useful, Jane. It spared her small annoyances in her hou of great serrow. Nobody has seen or heard any, thing of her for months. It was a very kindly act

on your part."

Lady Chetnole looked with more respect at this Lady Chetnole looked with more respect at this strange, impassive figure, which rested so humbly there on the edge of the chair; and she guessed, and rightly, too, that this munificent anonymous gift to Mrs. La Grange had not been by any means the only mysterious benefit which had been conferred by this remarkable Lady Bountiful. The only one who had not seemed to derive advantage from Jane Brown's wealth was Jane Brown herself. She had not altered her mode of life in any respect. She had not even changed the modest style of costume of the lady's-maid.

Chetnole, "of your great consideration for Mr. Deverill. I think that was only fair, Jane. In forgiving him the money which he owed Mr. Brasser, you forgave a debt which was not of his own making."

"Oh, my lady," said Jane Brown, "I couldn't have thought of taking it from him. Has your ladyship heard anything about him?"

"Not a word—he vanished completely after he was released. I believe that he disposed of his place and left England. Mr. Mordaunt told me that he took it very hard indeed—that he was a broken man, that he came out dazed, old, shattered. He did indeed go through an awful ordeal. That trial was fatal to so many. Fancy—within twelve hours of the gallows—then to come out of a prison to find that the Judge who had sentenced him dead, the Judge's wife, dead. No wonder he was a broken man."

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It will be seen that Lady Chetnole did not know the whole truth. It will consequently therefore be inferred that the dark secret which hay behind the trial of Richard Deverill had not been exposed to the world in the prosecution of Harold Somerton. She did not know—only three or four people knew—that in the inscrutable workings of a Providence whose secrets blind human beings may not penetrate, the innocent, the deeply-injured, had not escaped a sudden and violent death, while a guilty man appeared to have escaped almost unpunished. Yet even our imperfect human vision may disceen a beneficient mercy towards the one, a heavy retribution on the other. Sir Alanson Gascoyne, blamcless, was suddenly confronted with the grim spectre of ruin. Human love and human trust were snatched from him in an instant; he was deprived of ambition and of hope. Perhaps, after all, it were the most merciful thing that death should have followed quickly the climax of these miseries. It will be seen that Lady Chetnole did not know

As for the other maa—death would have been a mercy to him. What was one sharp, sudden moment as compared to the long endurance of the whips and lashes of a tortured conscience?

MODERATE SPORT

AT BIRMINGHAM.

A Weak Market - Armoy Disqualified After Easily Winning the Highfield 'Chase.

SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

The Highfield Steeplechase was a disastrous affair for ackers, as they pinned their faith on Armoy and Baroraph. They were equal favourities at the finish. The traph. They were equal favourities at the finish. The company of the first traph of the first traph of the first traph. On returning to scale an objection was roomply laid against Mr. 1. Rogers's marc on the ground hat she was not qualified to run, and it did not take ong for the Stewards—Mr. G. E. Jarvis and Mr. Reid-Walkert—to sustain it, as Armoy won a steeplechase, value of the race distinctly stated it was "for lowers which is the race distinctly stated it was "for lowers when the first property of the race distinctly stated it was "for lowers which is the race distinctly stated it was "for lowers which is the race distinctly stated it was "for lowers which was "for lowers which is the race distinctly stated it was "for lowers which is the race distinctly stated it was "for lowers which is the race distinctly stated it was "for lowers which is the race of the race of the property of the race of t

Robinson, the Foxhill trainer, was responsible for a puple of runners in the Staffordshire Hurdle in Hopess II. and Clwyd II. Mr. J. M. Kerne, the owner the first-named, travelled specially from town to see is gelding run. Hopeless II. was always favouried, and when half the journey had been compassed he looked ke scoring, but when fairly in the line for home Quilla ureaded her way through her field and won in a canter y six lengths.

SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

BIRMINGHAM.
Selling Flat Race—GRAYMOUNT.
Moderate Steeplechase—CHILUMCHEE.
Grand Annual—KEY WEST.
Maiden Hurdle—KING'S BIRTHDAY.
Moseley Hurdle—HARBIRD.

SPECIAL SELECTION.

CHILUMCHEE. GREY FRIARS.

RACING RETURNS.

BIRMINGHAM .- MONDAY.

Higham 3 Also ran: Spatchcook (aged, 12st), Ashling (aged, 12st), as West (69rs, 11st 10lb), Lady Cranfield (59rs, 11st 6lb), Gray (49rs, 10st 10lb—car (49rs, 10st 10lb—car (11b), E.C. (49rs, 10st 10lb), Crazy Jane (49rs, 10st 10lb), Ben Davies (49rs, 10st 10lb), To Gallant (

on the ground of having won a race above 80 sovs value on October 27, was sustained, and the race awarded to AUSTRALIA'S TEAM

White Syss.

2.5.—STAFPORDSHIRE HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 102 ove. Two miles.

Mr. E. Griffith's QUILLA, by Bard—Foxtall, Syrs, 10st f. Mannon 1

Mr. A. B. Worthington's KLINGSOR, sgcd, 17st 10st 11 over 11 o

separated the second and third.

2.40.—WALSALI, HANDLOAP STEEPLECHASE PLATE
Prince Hatfatts 1938WH.

Nanophon, Syrs, 11st 5ib (oar 11st 7ib) ...Mr. Hastings 1

Mr. V. T. J. Eyre's GEOFF, aged, 11st 7ib ...A. Parin 2

Major Rankin's BEZIQUE, 6yrs, 10st 4lb (car 10st 5ib)

Parker, 3

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1aird. 3.10.—SMETHWICK SELLING STEEPLECHASE PLATE Mr. Brock's BRIBERX by Beletor, dam by Pierrfeld, aged, 12st Fletor, Smeller, Gordon 1 Mr. Hobbs's KILGRÖGAN, aged, 12st 75b.Fauliner 2 Mr. Rogers PEICKLES, 97s. 11st 10b.Owner 3 11st 10b), Holmpstrick (aged, 11st 10b), Simon Turrell (597s. 11st 5b), unger trained by R. Gerches)

and third.

3.40—MAIDEN FOUR-YEAR-OLD HURDLE RACE
PLATE of 80 sov. Two miles.

Mr. J. Wilch. 1. Rene's DRUMNIGH, by Wildfowler-Lady
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Mr. R. de Clemon's POETMAN, 11st. ... Woodman 2
Mr. R. de Clemon's POETMAN, 11st. ... Manon 3
R. R. de Clemon's POETMAN, 11st. ... Manon 3
Rose (11st), Petroff (11st), Lyddiep Girl, 11st), Grit (11st), Invertice (11st), Force (11st), Marcora (11st), Mount Propert II. (11st), Little Sprout (11st), Master Lawrence (11st), Force (Winner trained by Robinson, Citant (11st), Breef (11st), Little Sprout, 6 to 1
Bettins—1 to 1 agat Fiore, 5 to 1 Little Sprout, 6 to 1
Portman, 100 to 12 Mount Proppert II. 100 to 7 others, Won by a length and a half; three-quarters of a length between second and third.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

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aAlboin a 12 2	aGraymount a 12
aLakata a 12 2	aCapricorn 6 12

1.30-MODERATE STEEPLECHASE PLATE of 60 sovs to the winner and 10 sovs for the second

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Forgotten	5 11 12	Little Jackdaw	5 11	3
Stonewall	6 11 10	a Top Gallant	4 10	2
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What Next	a 11 6	Rannpoulne	a 10	10

a Grand Deacon a 11 4 Rathgowan a 10 a Little May II. a 11 1 Merry Monk II. a 11 0 Pride of Bree. a 10 2.30-MAIDEN HURDLE RACE PLATE of 70 sovs.

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	Lavengro		6 1	12	0	Wild Willow	4	11	
	Viper		3, 1	12	0	Sterling Christmas	4	11	
	Over Norton		a :	12	0	Miss Blucher	4	11	
	Sundorne		a :	12	0	a Marcova	4	11	
a	Claribel		5 :	11	10	Henley	4	11	
	Red Spinner		5	11	10	Do Be Quick	5	11	
	Uncle Reggie		5 1	11	10	aGrit	4	11	
	Waxbill		5 :	11	10	Cog Wheel	4	11	
a	King's Birthda	у	5	11	10	Flamboyant	4	11	
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of 70 soys; w	inner to be	e sold for 5	50 soys.	Two
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2	aOutsider 6 11 7	Lonnergan 4 10
	Single Stick 6 11 1	Rose of Raby 6 10
5	a Gipsy's Warning 6 11 1	Direct 4 10
	Hillwood 6 11 0	

SPORTING NEWS ITEMS.

The well-known cross-country rider, Ernie Acres, who as been out of the saddle as the result of an injured not since last September, has so far recovered 3s to be lot to ride." Schooling:" He hopes to be in the saddle ext week at Wolverhampton. It will be remembered at while riding through the streets of Worcester on a ewil-y-purchased hunter, the autimal slipped and threw

DEFINITELY CHOSEN.

Men Who Will Visit the Old Country in Quest of the Cricket Championship.

NOTES ON THE PLAYERS.

SYDNEY, Monday.—The final selections for the vacant places in the Australian cricket team which is about to proceed to England were definitely made to-day. The four men agreed on to-day were Darling, Cotter, Howell, and McLeod.

The full team, therefore, is as follows:—

I. A. Noble (capt.) 7. Trumper, R. Duff. 6. Gregory. 7. J. Kelly. 6. J. Hopkins. 9. Armstrong.	C. Hill. A. R. Gehrs. P. M. Newland. J. Darling. A. Cotter. W. P. Howell. C. McLeod. —Central News
J. Kelly. A. J. Hopkins. V. Armstrong.	W. P. Howell, C. McLeod.

ntains only three new names, those of Cotter,

an Australian must.

Gehrs is a batsman of style, and there are not so many of that kind in Australia. He is young, but already able to make centuries in first-class matches. Next to Sydney Gregory he is the most dashing fieldsman in the Commonwealth.

A Callous Stumper.

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Nealand is a stumper of promise, with remarkably callous hands, so it is said. He will take some of the hard work from the shoulders of the veteran Kelly. He is also more than useful as a batsman. The new men make a highly interesting trio of debutants. On the control of the control of

sets.

i the South Australia second innings Cotter took
in wickets for 77 runs and Hopkins two for 35.—

atter's Special Service.

YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS. ASSOCIATION

SOUTHERN CHARITY CUP.-Semi-Final.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR, 10: WEST HAM, 0. At Tottenham. The Hotspur team—superior at every oint from start to finish—gained an overwhelming vic ory over West Ham United by no fewer than ten goal:

or over West Ham United by no fewer than ten goals none. West Ham began fairly well, and quite early in the ame nearly scored a goal, but with this exception may be a compared to the second of the s

LANCASHIRE SENIOR CUP.

BOLTON WANDERERS, 5; BURY, 1.

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A Bolton, Weak teams were put in the field by both clubs. On the sloppy turf the ball was heavy and difficult to control. Both sides missed chances, but against the wind Marsh scored the only goal of the first half from Wilson's centre.

Soon after the resumption Marsh increased Bolton's lead, and Featherstone added three more goals, and The Wanderers had all the game. There were about 1,000 spectators.

WESTERN LEAGUE

BRENTFORD, 1; SOUTHAMPTON, 0.

COARSE FISH FOR THE LEA.

Victoria Park's Lake a Sea of Mud-Exciting Swan Hunt.

Some amusing scenes were witnessed at Victoria Park yesterday, where the netsmen of the Anglers' Association resumed their endeavours to secure all the fish in the large lake, which is to be cleaned out during the next

few weeks.

The water had been drawn down so low that there was barely a foot in its deepest part, and underneath this in many places the malodorous black mud was a foot and eighteen inches deep. Mr. Huntley, the chief netsman, fell headlong into this slough, and was rescued with difficulty. He said that it could not be like the Thames mud, because it tasted nothing like butter.

The park keepers had a rare struggle to catch the

swans. Weary miles they must have tramped, with mud up to their knees, and it was only when the birds were thoroughly worn out by the relays of men who were

First Lot to Rye House.

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A consignment of about a ton of roach we away yesterday to Rye House and placed in the away extends to Rye House and placed in the week the operations will be continued. It is extent about three tons have been captured up. They are nearly all roach, ranging mostly for tone inches—splendid stock fish. Of course, the after learning of the reach. Some monster gudgeon as it are not some continued of the reach. Some monster gudgeon as in up to the present, although it is stated that some placed in the lake during recent years, however, will perhaps be met with during the wee Meanswhile anglers throughout the metropolis. County Council and the Anglers' Association a beginning that the state of gratifued for the work they have carried out of gratifued for the work they have carried out of gratifued for the work they have carried out angler and City merchant, dressed in waders askins, trudging about in the lake, weeking like a

AUSTRALIAN RILLIARDS PRODIGY.

THE CITY.

Revival on Eve of Carry-over-Americans Above Parity-Better Tendency on Foreign Bourses.

CAPEL COME, Monday Evening.—Stock markets looked better to-day, and those who predict with some confidence the fact that the revival, such as it was, took place on the eve of the carry-over. Usually business is slack enough at such a time to cause a certain amount of what dull. The fields seems to be that the Irish loan will go well to-morrow, and that we may look for a revival in Consils to follow the allotment on these revival in Consils to follow the allotment on these revival in Consils to follow the allotmany carry-over in Kaffirs showed to-day, there has been quite a fair reduction in the speculative accounts open for the rise, point remaining is the political unrest in Russia, and this is apparently being used for all it is worth, both here and on the Continent. The imminence of the Russian Three was not much to notice in the Home Railway section, which was a little dull perhaps as a result of the weather conditions. The market was steady at the Weight of the weather conditions. The market was steady at the Rushian of the Weight of the weather conditions. The market was steady at the Rushian of the Sussian and the Continent of the Rushian Sussian and the Continent of the Rushian Sussian and the Continent. The Imminence of the Russian and the Continent of the Rushian Sussian and the Continent. The imminence of the Russian and the Continent of the Rushian Sussian Sussian

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One of the most reassuring features was the better tendency on the Foreign bourses. The appearance of the Russian loan prospectus and the cheapness of the Causlian loan prospectus and the cheapness of the causling loan prospectus and the cheapness of the causling loan prospectus and the cheapness of the cise a favourable effect. Even the old Russian bonds were harder, but Japaness descriptions were a little dull. Most of the Continental favourites were better, and copper shares showed a distinctly firmer tendency on the glowing cruduals of the calling firms of metal brokers seemed to predict a shortage of supply of copper for European production this year. The prospect of high priges for copper was naturally reflected in share values.

To-day, again, there has been a good deal of busing of Wallapper Manufacturers. The Codinary were 28, 6d, about dividend prospects. National Telephone stocks were steady after the recent enthusiasm, and there was some recovery even in Allapops, although a good deal of concern is still expressed as to the position of the business.



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